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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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RE: Exploration and Review of the Gas Purchasing Policies and Practices of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated Pursuant to Commission Directive Dated July 21, 2021, Issued in Docket No. 2021-4-G
Docket No. 2021-236-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please allow this letter to serve as notification that the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") does not intend to file responsive testimony in the above-referenced docket. ORS offers the following comments regarding the purchasing of Responsibly Sourced Natural Gas ("RSG").

ORS represents the public interest as defined by the South Carolina General Assembly in S. C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10 as:

[T]he concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer, and preservation of continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high-quality utility services.

In representing the public interest, ORS reviews the natural gas purchasing practices of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("Dominion") and Piedmont Natural Gas Company ("Piedmont") as part of the annual Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") filings. As part of the PGA reviews, ORS reviews and verifies that Dominion and Piedmont employ prudent and reasonable natural gas purchasing practices and policies in compliance with Commission orders during the review period. Additionally, ORS reviews the natural gas purchasing practices for

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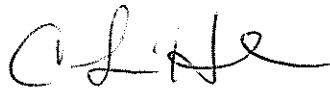
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electric generation for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively “Duke”) and Dominion as part of the annual fuel reviews under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-865 (“Annual Fuel Reviews”). The Annual Fuel Reviews include evaluation of Duke’s and Dominion’s fuel procurement policies, procedures, and activities to review and verify that Duke and Dominion make every reasonable effort to minimize fuel costs. ORS will continue to conduct its analysis in the PGA filings and Annual Fuel Reviews and provide findings and recommendations to the Commission in these proceedings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Lessie Hammonds', written in a cursive style.

C. Lessie Hammonds

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)
David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)